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Honorable William H. Milliken
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman:

This is in response to your letter of June 24, 1964 requesting information to aid you in answering correspondence from Mrs. Veronica Snyder, 514 Media Line Road, Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, concerning the employment of Norman Redlich as a Consultant with this Commission.

As you know, this Commission was established on November 29, 1963, to investigate all the facts and circumstances relating to the assassination of President Kennedy and the subsequent murder of the alleged assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald. During the past several months this Commission has heard the testimony of approximately 90 witnesses and more than 300 witnesses have given testimony to members of the Commission staff. In addition, the most extensive and thorough investigation has been conducted by Federal and state agencies, most notably the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Secret Service.

The Commission is now in the process of preparing its Final Report. I can assure you that all the evidence before this Commission regarding the identity of the assassin and the existence of any conspiracy will be published for everyone to review. During the course of a public hearing on March 4, 1964, the Chief Justice stated:

> "The purpose of this Commission is, of course, eventually to make known to the President, and to the American public everything that has transpired before this Commission. All of it will be available at the appropriate time. The records of the work of the Commission will be preserved for the public."

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Security requirements for federal employees are governed by President Eisenhower's Executive Order No. 10450, which provides that "The appointment of each civilian officer or employee in any department or agency of the Government shall be made subject to investigation." Such an investigation was made in the case of Mr. Redlich by the Civil Service Commission and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the facts developed were evaluated by the members of the Commission--Earl Warren, Chairman, Chief Justice of the United States; Richard B. Russell, John Sherman Cooper, Hale Boggs, and Gerald R. Ford, leading Democratic and Republican members of the United States Congress; John J. McCloy, former High Commissioner of Germany; and Allen W. Dulles, former head of the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

On May 19, 1964, at a meeting attended by all the Commissioners, the Commission unanimously cleared all the members of its staff to handle classified information. The members of the staff who were cleared included Mr. Redlich.

I hope that this information will be of assistance in answering your constituent's inquiry. As requested, Mrs. Snyder's letter is returned herewith.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

Enclosure.